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Number 1

WHY I SHALL BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE A STAKE TABERNACLE

The question, "Why I shall be delighted to have a Stake Tabernacle" has been asked of many people in the Stake in recent weeks. Here are some of the answers received:

"A beautiful Stake Tabernacle will stand as a monument to the creative abilities of the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the Oakland area."

"Entering a beautiful and spacious building—a center for religious cultural development — gives one a heavenly feeling. Such a proposed Tabernacle will, if completed, enrich my soul."

"It will provide a place for Stake parties and recreational activities where our young people, from one end of the Stake to the other can meet and associate together. It will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

"It will be an intellectual, spiritual, and recreational center where I and my friends can improve our minds, our hearts, and our health."

"The new Tabernacle should be a great missionary. I am sure it will attract many visitors who will ask questions concerning the history and doctrines of Mormonism. It will be a thing of beauty to which many members of the church in this area will invite their friends, then, too, such a structure as the proposed Tabernacle should do much to strengthen the faith of many within the church itself."

"I am anxious to see the new Tabernacle erected because we have such great need for an adequate place for our Stake conferences and Stake socials. During the last two or three Stake conferences I have had to either stand or seat myself downstairs and listen to the meeting over a loud speaker."

One young man, not a member of the church, when asked this question, replied: "The outstanding question of the day is, 'How to attain real peace in the world?' The answer is the concept of God and man as taught by Jesus-Christianity. A new Tabernacle is a new focas point, a new base of operation—from which to teach the doctrines of Christ and what He means to the world."

One brother stated, "Because of the joy and great amount of good it will bring to the Saints of this part of Zion. A powerful testimony will find its way into the hearts of many as to the truth of this, the Latter Day Gospel."

Said another, "I think it is a necesisty when our church is growing so rapidly. We must have the new Tabernacle."

"Not to have the proposed Tabernacle will mean our progress in this part of the vineyard will be retarded and delayed. This would be inexcusable."

Superb Hospitality for L. D. S. Service Men

Work of Anna and Stanley Patton of Berkeley Ward

"I am glad that I was here the Sunday you served dinner to the service men" remarked a recent vistor to Berkeley Ward. He was surprised to learn that Berkeley Ward served dinner and kept open house all afternoon every Sunday, and also had Saturday night dances for our service personnel; that Berkeley Ward had been carrying on such a program for more than four years.

Anna and Stanley Patton started the Sunday dinner and open house in their home in February, 1942. Then after two years the little Patton home could no longer house them and Bishop Allen and his counselors invited the group to meet in the Berkeley Ward recreation rooms and use the church kitchen. The splendid character, unusual talents, and high spirituality of these service people have proved a definite contribution to Berkeley Ward. To "Mom" and "Pop" Patton, who have interpreted their calling as a mission and opportunity, it has been a vicarious parenthood.

Men advanced in the priesthood here have acted as ship's chaplains. Many men who were later baptized met here to discuss principles of the gospel. Young couples who were married here later went through L. D. S. temples and received their endowments. Wives and mothers of service men (75 came in 1945) have come "to Mom's" for a last visit with the son, or husband, before he shipped out. Cousins, from scattered bases and posts have met here for "family" reunions. Temple recommendations, temple clothing, and such personal property as cameras have been mailed to "Mom's" so the man could get it more quickly than by routine mail in the service. Garments have been marked when men found that their cruise might possibly take them near to the Hawaiian temple.

In 1945 fifty-two homes were found for girls, or families. Here was a fine club for L. D. S. service men's wives. In 1945 "Mom" served 830 meals (1944-43 she served more than a thousand meals) in her own home in addition to church dinners, gave 613 beds, and entertained 725 callers. Often during the war men who drew unexpected, or secret duty called and said, "'Mom', please write my wife, mother, or girl friend and tell them I'm shipping, that I'm all right and will get my mail, but it will be a long time before I can write," or "'Mom', I'm shipping out; you look in my gear, take out my money and deposit it; or take my gear and mail it home to Minnesota; or please mail these flowers home for Mother's Day."

Mrs. Patton works at Berkeley U. S. O. on Saturday nights. There she often meets Mormon "boys" and invites them to come to Berkeley or Claremont Wards. Berkeley Ward has furnished food on "Mormon night" at the Berkeley U. S. O. for four years.

In spite of herculean services of love to the "boys," Sister Patton feels that the outstanding work in hospitality for service personnel done by Berkeley Ward is the result of a united effort by every member of Berkeley Ward. The Bishopric have been sympathetic, kindly and generous, and every member of the Ward has contributed money, time, and food and talent for wholesome activities that have made this project not only one the Church can be proud of, but one that has won praise from the citizens of Berkeley, and particularly from the Berkeley press.

Servicemen's Mother

Anna Patton, Berkeley Servicemen's Mother, has been written up in the Berkeley Gazette as well as now in the Messenger. But her loving devotion to hundreds of the "boys" is written in far more imperishable type than newsprint. It is engraved on the eternal memories of her beneficiaries, and recorded, also, on the "books" out of which the angels will deal justice in a time to come.

His Many Mansions

Maybe You Didn't Know—

1. An old Puritan minister, the Reverend Nathaniel Ward, proclaimed that the Puritans did not want religious liberty in general. He said "I proclaim to the world, in the name of our colony that all (dissenters) shall have full liberty to keep away from us, and such as will come to be gone as fast as they can, the sooner the better."

This same pleasant soul declared that toleration was a sign of weakness in the faith. Said he, "He who is willing to tolerate any religion . . . either doubts of his own, or is not sincere in it."

2. Among the Puritans the minister's salaries were raised in taxes.

3. Toward the end of the colonial period there were many hundreds of Congregational Churches in New England. Beyond Rhode Island, Congregationalism held sway. Angelican, Quaker, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches appeared here and there. There was one Lutheran Church in Maine and a Methodist Church in Massachusetts. But in 1775 there was no Catholic Church in all New England. The same was true of New York.

4. Angelicanism prevailed in the South, but in the Middle Colonies some sixteen distinct Christian groups were found. Jews were found in each colony.

5. "In the year of the Declaration of Independence, seventeen Christian denominations and Judaism composed the religious constituency of the British colonies in North America. Of there the Congregationalists, the Presbyterians, the Episcopalians, the Baptists, and the Friends accounted for anproximately four-fifths of the religious populations. Ninety per cent of the population of the colonies was non-Catholic."

6. The Jews were denied naturalization in 1762, even in tolerant Rhode Island, yet a dozen or more Jews are known to have risen to the rank of captain or better in the Revolutionary War, though there were less than 3000 Jews in the United States in 1790.

Glen Shaw Urges Stake Tabernacle

Glen Shaw spoke on the topic, "Why I intend to do my Full Part for the Stake Tabernacle." While the burden of raising money may seem too heavy to some, yet it has its uniting power for the Saints. A parish priest, young and experienced, was not making much progress. An older priest was sent to labor with him. He sat down with the younger man and said, "We need a new roof on our church." To which the young man replied, "Why, we have just got one mortgage cleared off. We shouldn't again go into debt." But the older and wiser man advised, "Young man, there is nothing like a church mortgage to bind people together." The church has been building ever since it began, and the people still feel that they want to have a part in every new structure that is needed.

In this great East Bay region the LDS are about 9000 in the midst of 2,000,000. We need a hub for our wheel of progress; a stronghold, a social center, a religious rallying point. The general authorities have united in calling upon the Saints of Oakland Stake to support the new Tabernacle, so the people will again feel, as the speaker does, that "they intend to do their full part for the Stake Tabernacle."

Message of the Stake Presidency

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

As the years roll around and the anxieties of a world in turmoil crowd upon our attention the satisfying and sustaining influence of the gospel of Jesus Christ is deeply appreciated by all Latter-Day Saints. The cause and meaning of the momentous events of today give us special cause to be deeply grateful.

Heartfelt gratitude is expressed to a kind and wise Heavenly Father whose farseeing plans, as all men shall ultimately recognize, are for the blessing and well being of his children. Especially in times like these are those who give willing obedience to his commandments able to "rejoice and be exceeding glad" in the knowledge that in his good time there shall surely come an end to the misunderstanding, error, strife, wickedness, sorrow and fear that seem well nigh universal today. That there shall yet come a reign of righteousness and peace upon the earth no true Latter-day Saint can doubt. They know that God has promised it and that his promises never fail. When that happy day arrives its sweetness and peace and righteousness shall be enjoyed the more in contrast to the present world where the "prince of the earth" is betraying all who have followed him with broken promises, false hopes and suffering.

It is sad to contemplate the condition of those who have vainly trusted in the false and flattering promises of this arch enemy of God. How sustaining, by comparison, is the assurance, trust and complete confidence that comes to Latter-day Saints who are sustained by a true faith in God's promises and blessings.

The degree of happines, assurance and joy that we can experience hinges in turn upon the quality and steadfastness of our faith in the kind and wise Author of this great work which we have embraced.

This is especially a good time to contemplate and rejoice in the goodness of God. As we examine ourselves may we consistently strive to give an affirmative answer to such questions as are suggested by the following:

Am I valiant in the truth (Read Doc. & Cov. Sec. 76)?

Am I following the path of one who does not falter by the way but endures faithfully to the end?

Am I practicing in my daily life that which I profess as a Latter-day Saint?

It is our hope and desire that every Latter-day Saint in the Oakland Stake shall now and hereafter reap the sure blessings that flow from a life of consistent obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully your brethren,

Eugene Hilton

W. Glenn Harmon

Delbert F. Wright

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Dimond Ward News

Marilyn Jacobs and Robert Smith were married in the Salt Lake Temple April 3. Brother and Sister Jacobs accompanied them. Robert's folks are in Denver. We welcome him to Dimond Ward.

There is much "Joy" in the Nichols family these days. Joy has just welcomed her husband Charlie home after being gone eighteen months to India. They have a two-year-old son of whom Charles is plenty proud. Welcome home, Charles.

We have another missionary to add to our Dimond list. Philip Humphreys attended the church preparation school. His farewell was held Monday May 13, and he left May 14 for the Tahitian Islands.

Marjorie Kest (organist for the Dimond Ward, and former missionary) is leaving with her fiance Duane Crooks on May 17 for the Idaho Falls Temple where they will be married May 24. Her parents, Brother and Sister John Kest, will accompany them. Duane has just been discharged from the Navy.

The Scouts, under the supervision of Scout Master Herb Anderson, enjoyed a two-day Camporee at Los Mochas. This was held for the preparation of the big Camporee which is held each year at Lake Merritt. Twenty-five attended.

Brother Austin Rainey is eating his meals home these days. He just acquired a new wife—she is the former Viola Hadley.

We are proud of our boys in the Aaronic Priesthood. All Quorums qualified for certificates of award. Sixteen of the boys qualified for Individual Certificates of award. The Bishopric is playing host to these boys and their parents at a dinner and program Saturday, May 18th.

Beth and Frank Jackson, Sunday School teachers, are going to Utah for a short vacation. He is newly discharged from the Navy and is attending The California School of Arts and Crafts.

The 247 Quorum of Seventies is sponsoring a Banquet Dinner and Social at Elmhurst Chapel Friday, May 24, at 8:00 p. m. Everyone is invited at $1.50 per plate. Tickets are being sold by Gene S. Hilton, Roy Weindorf, and Jack Fitzpatrick. Guest speaker will be Dr. Hans Kelsen, Professor of Political Science at U. C.

Attention Please!

Workers With Adult Members of Aaronic Priesthood

by NaNthan G. Tolman

"This is My work and My glory, to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."

Hence "the worth of souls is great in the sight of the Lord". This is also our work and our glory—to save souls, to lead them to the celestial kingdom.

If we labor for a year or more and bring back into activity but one choice soul, great will be our joy and reward.

Here's How

Priesthood Meetings should be held each Sunday morning for these brethren even if there be only one who attends. Cottage meetings also can be productive of much good. A few friends gathering to receive inspiration is a lovely experience.

Those who can fill these positions of Ward Advisers are rare indeed. "Just anyone will never do". They should be men of great humility, with a deep and abiding love for others; sincere, absolutely dependable, tactful, patient, diligent, and above all, prayerful; willing to face much lukewarmness, lack of interest, and even seeming failure; men who have a deep and abiding faith; who never give up, and have a sympathetic understanding of others. They should be men who teach by kindly, loving example and humble precept; never the preachy type.

Advisers should visit in sickness and health, in sorrow and happiness. Play with them, work with them, know their families, each one by name. Have a real interest in them. If they doubt your sincerity or real interest in their welfare, you can be of very little service; in such cases you are apt to harm rather than help.

Bishop, is your Ward fully organized?

The Messenger Takes a Bow

"Thanks for sending a copy of the April Messenger. I have enjoyed reading the news of our Church in the Bay region. Especially was I surprised to learn that you now have a stake membership of nearly 9000. Your success in that area is certainly assured."—Preston Nibley.

"We wish to congratulate you upon the splendid nature of your first issue of the Oakland Stake Messenger, and we look forward with interest to receiving a copy each month."—Briant G. Badger, Manager, Bookcraft Publishers.

"If the April issue of the Messenger is a sample of what you expect to do, I congratulate you most sincerely. A publication of this kind promotes not alone the activities of the stake, but also the activities of hundreds of members of the stake."—Leo J. Muir, former President of L.A. Stake, and of No. Central Mission, and founder of the first paper for the Southern California Saints in 1935, The Intermountain News, still a thriving inter-stake L.D.S. paper there.

Stake Barn Dance

Everyone is invited to the big "Oklahoma Farm-hand Fling", the big barn dance to be held in Oakland Ward June 8th. The theme-song, according to the decorations committee (which committee has charge of the apple cider and donuts to be served and actually, we are told, has nothing to do with the decorations) is "Oh, What a Beautiful Evening!" Of course, everyone will be singing "People Will Say We're in Love", but whether you have seen "Oklahoma" or not, plan to come to the Barn Dance for a good time.

Here's your chance to put on some old clothes, forget your troubles, take down your hair and have a good time. We'll be seeing you at the "Oklahoma Farm-hand Fling". (Men are asked to leave guns at home.)

Priesthood Leader

Nathan G. Tolman is a man of great kindliness and patience, but withal a deep and progressive conviction of the greatness of the Gospel plan. Hence he is admirably fitted to lead the stake workers with adult members of the Aaronic Priesthood. His daily work is that of building character and sturdy bodies in young people in a large Junior High School in Oakland.

New Custodian at Stake Welfare Center

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McBride of Oakland Ward have beeen appointed to have charge of the Oakland Stake Welfare Center at 9838 Gould Street, Oakland. These good people will assume the duties so well and so long discharged by Laura Latimer and her late husband, James T. Latimer.

Many good reports are already heard of the enthusiastic and efficient manner in which Brother and Sister McBride are taking charge, although their appointment came only about the middle of April.

E. H. McBride is a carpenter employed five days a week at his trade, and spending Saturdays and spare time at Welfare Center duties. Mrs. McBride has recently served in the presidency of Oakland Ward Relief Society.

The McBrides came to Oakland from their home in Provo. In Provo, we understand, they were active in Church work as they have beeen since coming to the East Bay section of California. The Messenger, in behalf of our readers, wishes to welcome Brother and Sister McBride into their new responsibilities in the Oakland Stake Welfare activities.

Dr. West to Visit Deseret Club

A visit from Dr. Franklin L. West, Church Commissioner of Education, is being anticipated by the Deseret Club of the University of California as the club's spring program draws to a close. Dr. West is planning to attend the semi-formal dance at the Berkeley Ward, June 7, at which Deseret Club officers for the fall term will be installed. While in Berkeley, he will also consider possibilities for the establishment of an L.D.S. Institute for students at the University.

The club's weekly program of lunch-time discussions of Gospel themes, under the direction of Brother Isaac Ball, continues to attract student interest, and approximately half of the 200-odd Mormons on the campus have participated in these activities. Nominations for next term's officers will be received at the noon meeting Wednesday, May 29, at the Wesley Foundation, Bancroft Way near Dana, and the election will be held on June 5, at the lunch gatthering and at the Y.W.C.A. Cottage from 3 to 5.

In addition to dancing and the instalaltion ceremony, the affair on June 7 wil linclude a program and refreshments. College students in the bay area, and others who are interested, are invited to attend. Tickets may be obtained by calling Lola Nielsen, AShbury 8588, or through representatives in the various wards.

Present Deseret Club officers are Richard Poll, David Cummings, Ann Wood and Lola Nielsen, with Brother Ball as sponsor.

Alameda Ward News

Sterling Yeaman, Alameda's first missionary to be sent into the mission field since the close of the war was given his Farewell Testimonial May 13. He will labor in the Argentine.

Luau Feast was the name of the Ward's second Building Fund Banquet, which added almost $1,000 to the grand total. Held in the Oakland Ward Amusement Hall, the decorations were most colorful, of tropical splendor in variety and richness. Along with the palatable Hawaiian feast went an appropriate Hawaiian entertainment under the direction of Esther Paulson. Native Hawaiian entertainers from Hollywood graciously lent their talents as a voluntary gesture of friendliness for the occasion.

Roland Correy, having been East to school and back into civilian life, has now returned to Alameda to reside, bringing with him his new Ogden bride. Roland has been active in Alameda Ward from the time he came here in the service.

Basil Matthews is in Logan to claim his Logan bride in the Temple there. He will shortly return to Alameda.

The Leo H. Crandalls are now on an extended three week's vacation in the eastern United States and Canada.

Darwin declared his inability to understand why mankind should concern itself with religion and poetry, for to Darwin's mind, science and the domestic affections were enough to fill life.

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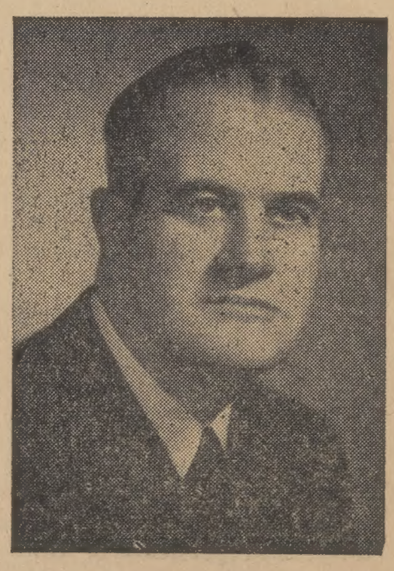

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Hayward Ward News

Finding through working together in the Ward Bishropic, that their combination is a good one, Bishop Wilford T. "Mike" Webb and Ben C. Lamkin extended their activities to the business world with the opening of a Super-Drive-In, Tuesday, May 7. The recently completed modern structure is located on Highway 50, in Castro Valley and operates under the name of L and W Drive Inn. Leona Webb, well known in Southern Alameda County for her catering, will supervise the food preparation. Ben C. Lamkin, former Boy Scout Executive, is Hayward Ward Clerk.

Both Easter Sunday programs will long be remembered in the Ward. The morning worshipers heard Gwendolyn Millet, who served overseas with a Red Cross recreation unit, relate her experiences in the Holy Land. She traveled much of the territory frequented by Jesus.

In the evening, the choir presented a musical program of outstanding beauty in its story and song. An original script was read in conjunction with the Easter selections. The choir, under the direction of Harold Wiseman, showed the results of weeks of preparation.

June 1st is the last date the Ward can use its present location for recreation activities. The Bishropic, Elders, Quorum, Building Committee and Choir will combine their efforts to sponsor a dinner Thursday, May 16. It will be the final building fund project to be held in the hall.

Virtually all of the 52 boys who left Hayward Ward to enter the service have returned. A dance was given in their honor Thursday, May 2. A program of music and welcoming home remarks preceeded the dance.

'No Ma'm, That's Not History'

By Dr. Hugh Nibley

Here's a small book that is a body-blow rejoinder to the supposedly "definitive" history of Joseph Smith, written recently by Mrs. Fawn M. Brodie, "No Man Man Knows My History," Knopf, 1945.

"Mrs. Brodie first makes up her mind about Joseph Smith, and then proceeds to accept any and all evidence, from whatever source that supports her theory . . . At the same time she rejects any and all evidence, from whatever source, that refutes her settled ideas."

Dr. Nibley accuses Mrs. Brodie of having created a false character named Joseph Smith, who bears only superficial resemblance to the real Joseph Smith, whose true greatness is measured by the work he accomplished.

"She tells the plausible enough story of a guy named Joe, who walks and talks and laughs and looks like Joseph Smith. Only there the resemblance ends. We know a butcher who looks just like the great Johann Sebastian Bach, and he walks and talks and eats and breathes—the very things that Bach did—only there is one slight difference: the butcher can't write music. Brodie's 'Joseph' is a real enough character—all the details are there, except one; he can't do the things Joseph Smith did—the only things about Joseph Smith, incidentally, that really interest us."

"Brodie's 'Joseph' picks up ideas like a thieving magpie, throws them together haphazardly and sells them from the pulpit. He is therefore not the man whose teachings are so well-knit and perfectly logical that they have never had to undergo the slightest change or alteration during the century . . . "

"Brodie's 'Joseph' was a shallow-minded lover of hokus-pokus and parlor magic. That could never have been the author of the Doctrine and Covenants, where we are told not just what will happen but how and why and, most important, what is to be done about it. If there is anything that characterizes the utterances of the real Joseph Smith it is that every syllable has meaning."

Doctor Nibley questions Mrs. Brodie's motive; he turns the bright light of scholarship upon her work, revealing vital flaws in the fabric she has woven.

This little 50-cent book will soon be available at the book tables in the ward chapels. Look for it and ask that a copy be ordered for you.

A Review of Muir's Thesaurus of Truths

by the Compiler, Leo J. Muir

This book is the result of forty years of treasure hunting in the field of literary, philosophical and religious quotations. When I undertook the publication of this work in 1937, I had in my collection of quotations some which dated back to my sophomore year in high school, 1898. I had a score of notebooks in which these treasures were typed, penned or penciled. I had also numerous envelopes stuffed with clippings and with typed and handwritten sheets—accumulated over this stretch of four decades. This hobby had lead me to the purchase of a half dozen large volumes of quotations. I felt that my list was equal if not superior to any of those I had seen. Perhaps I was moved by vanity in my ambition to compile these choice things and make them available to my friends.

All of the books of quotations I had read were arranged in alphabetical order. Some of them contained as many as 15,000 quotations. Such books served largely as dictionaries of quotations. There was no study of truths and no revelation of the nature of truth in such works.

After much deliberation, I decided to undertake the compilation of a Thesaurus of Truths. While the word thesaurus (of Greek origin) means treasure or treasury, it connotes a systematic, logical and purposeful presentation of subject matter. Pursuing this method, this Thesaurus is divided into fifteen books, each of which embraces several groups of quotations related in thought. These groups are called symposia. Each symposium is a revelation of a single basic truth, the pronouncement of one of life's valid lessons.

This book served the lecturer, the preacher, the teacher. Perhaps it is even more helpful to the student.

I am convinced that the frequent reading of ornate quotations will not only embellish the language of the reader, but also enrich his intellect and his power of soul.

Pittsburg Ward News

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Magleby was the scene of a wedding between the former Vaudis Andrus and Knud Swenson. Bishop Kirby officiated at the ceremony at which only immediate friends attended.

On May 2nd the former Rhoda Rees, another of Pittsburg's fair daughters, made her way to the altar in company with former serviceman Burns Magleby. The couple were married in the Manti Temple. Both these young people are active in the Ward, Rhoda being the YWMIA president and Burns active in Scouting.

One of the largest crowds ever to attend a Sunday Evening Service (167 to be exact) was on hand May 5 to witness the Primary Conference. It was the first time in Pittsburg's history that there were any graduating children. Gaylin Johnson, Alfred Pederson, and Billy Harmon made the trio of graduates.

With the great increase of LDS servicemen at Camp Stoneman, a committee composed of Lyn Fluckiger, Barbara Snow, Von Hoyt, Erma Eldredge, Ralph Jacks and Gloria Magleby has organized a complete special program for all M-Men, Gleaners, and Servicemen of the Ward. Sunday afternoon gatherings will be alternated with Sunday evening firesides. Also, there will be Saturday hikes and excursions to California points of interest.

The Junior and Senior Firesides at Pittsburg viewed new films on the temples of the church and scenic points in Utah, presented by Kenneth M. Lewis, District Mission President. On April 30 our members, attired as hobos, met at an MIA Hobo party. Mrs. Orba Little Betsy Blaisdell helped en- Pearce and Rex Schofield were the best dressed tramps of 1946.

Elmhurst Ward News

The social event of the year at Elmhurst was given by the Special Interest Group of the M. I. A. on Tuesday, May 14. Since the group has studied Early California History for the past year, the theme for the evening was "California of 1850."

In the reception line was Sam Brannon, early trappers, gold miners, and opera stars. The color and drama of the period was carried out in the floor show, after which there was dancing, old style and modern, the whole being climaxed in keeping with the hospitality of the period, with a free lunch.

The summer M. I. A. program promises plenty of companionship and interesting activity for all. Elmhurst Ward ladies are expressing appreciation over Relief Society Work. They welcome gladly Laura Anderson, new sewing supervisor, Eunice Walton, assistant sewing supervisor, and Rowena Baysinger as chorister.

Our Ward Fireside group are enthusiastic to the tune of forty or more each Sunday night. June 7th is set for a "Hayride," meeting at the church and walking to Duranty Park. After the "ride," the group will gather at the church Amusement Hall for lunch and dancing.

At the Primary Conference, which followed the pattern outlined by the General Board, plans and lilies and a large picture of the Christ formed the background. Janette Rice, Teresa Sims and Maude Briscoll represented the Stake Board. The highlight of the evening was the graduation of three fine boys, Harold F. Anderson, Cyrus W. McBride, and Walter Mason. These boys were ordained deacons immediately after graduation. Eighty children enjoyed an egg hunt in Arroya Viejo Park. We indeed are grateful for Primary workers at Elmhurst.

Stake Relief Society News

The Stake Relief Society sponstored an evening of Music and Drama May 17th at 8 p.m. in the Berkeley Ward Amusement Hall. All enjoyed a 3-act play read by Mrs. William C. McCord, music by The Singing Mothers, some instrumental numbers, a social gathering and refreshments. A silver offering for the Tabernacle Fund was received.

On April 3rd the Relief Society Stake Board attended an all-day work meeting. The sisters sewed on articles for the Budget, and a luncheon was served. Their last work meeting brought them almost in sight of their goal and they hope to reach it before the end of the season.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

Delmar and Enid Bybee Young, a son, David L., on April 7th. Sister Young is a former student of the University of California, where Brother Young is now a student. He also is President of the YMMIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant B. Shaw of Martinez, a son, Grant B., Jr., April 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Harvey of Martinez, a son, Thomas David, May 2nd.

Oscar L. and Thelma Bingham Cluff, of Oakland Ward, a daughter, Lorraine, March 21st.

Clarence B. and Dorothy Openshaw Jacobs of Oakland Ward, a son, Lawrence Roger, March 3rd.

F. Carl and Sylvia Hildebrand Baldwin of Oakland Ward, a son, Richard Carlyle, February 24th.

I. Ray & Edna Darton, of Elmhurst Ward, a daughter, Audrey Elaine, Febuary 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Joy E. Briscoe of Maxwell Park, a daughter, Kathleen Maude, on February 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bullard of Oakland Ward, a daughter, Susan, February 16th.

Halmar and Birdie May Rose of Elmhurst Ward, a son, Halmar John, March 25th.

Daniel and Fern Pratt Noarda, East Richmond Ward, a son, Roy Daniel, February 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Richardson of Elmhurst Ward, a son, Robert Colvin, April 6th.

DEATHS

Grace Ganzer, age 75, of Maxwell Park Ward. April 12th.

Larleen Peterson Abbott, age 34, of Berkeley Ward, April 5th. The young mother and infant were lost in childbirth.

Harry Preston Smith, age 64, of Oakland Ward, March 24th.

James Lattimer, age 68, March 14th. Custodian until his death of Welfare Plant.

George K. Riding, age 69, of Elmhurst Ward, March 11th.

Esther Sumner Hawkley, age 70, Oakland Ward, February 23rd.

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The Mormons in The Saturday Evening Post

The recent article entitled "Salt Lake City," in the March 9, 1946 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, is in the main, an honest and fair appraisal. The most serious inaccuracy is the author's statement that no one but Joseph Smith ever saw the Golden Tablets.

The article also indicates that Word of Wisdom may account for the longevity and vitality of the Mormon people. That Salt Lake City has the highest literacy rate, and the highest educational standards in the United States is stressed. The church is commended for its great recreational program, its seminary system, and the missionary program which brings the culture of the world to Salt Lake City.

The fact that Maude Adams and Loretta Young were born in Salt Lake City, is mentioned, as is the fact that Utah is planning a great Centennial celebration in 1947.

High Priests in First Evening Meet

The High Priests of the Stake held their first evening quorum meeting under the new church-wide plan on May 16 in the Oakland Ward Chapel. The former practice of holding H. P. Quorum meetings at 2 o'clock on each 4th Sunday of the month has been abandonned, and the evening meeting once a quarter has been inaugurated. On the fourth Sunday at 2 p. m. is held a general Priesthood meeting for all Quorums in one body, after which are held meetings of the various Quorum heads of standing committees, and finally the bishoprics.

At the Thursday, May 16 meeting of the High Priests, light refreshments were served at 8:00 o'clock, followed by a program and a business meeting. J. Edward Johnson was asked to give a historical sketch of early Stake doings, while Willard Knowles, former bishop of Martinez, discussed more efficient procedures whereby High Priests may fulfill their particular duties, namely those of presiding and of leadership. Richard Owens rendered a vocal solo. The Quorum discussed recent recommendations of the general authorities regarding the Quorum's Mortality Fund.

Oakland Ward News

Brief Biography of Our Bishop

J. Rulon Doxey was born in Ogden, Utah, January 5, 1907. He attended the City Public Schools, and graduated from Weber College in 1926. While a student in high school and college, he participated in football, basketball, school plays, Year Book staff, etc.

He served as a missionary in the British Mission from 1926 to 1929, and was President over the Manchester District.

He was graduated from the University of Utah in the class of 1931, in Economics and Business. He also received a scholarship from the University of California, and served as teaching assistant in Economics in Berkeley from 1931 to 1933. He received a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of California, after which he was employed in the general office of the California Packing Corporation in San Francisco. He now holds the position as Manager of Statistical and Market Research Dept. of the Corporation, and is an officer of the Local Chapter of American Marketing Association and a member of the American Statistical Association. Both are National Business Mens' Organizations.

In 1935 he married Edna Ekins of Provo, Utah in the Salt Lake Temple and moved from Berkeley to Oakland.

In 1937 he became a Counselor in the Bishopric, and Ward Bishop in 1942. His three lovely children are John, Carolyn and Ronald.

All members heartily welcomed Brother William G. Banks as new Counsellor to Bishop Doxey. Brother Marc Burroughs, also a Counsellor, and his wife are the proud parents of their first baby boy, born April 25th. A baby boy also arrived at the home of Brother and Sister Ralph Tate in Salt Lake City, on April 20th.

A farewell party was given in honor of Elder Ed Kingsford on April 30th. He left May 1st for Idaho to visit his parents, before reporting to the Mission Home in Salt Lake City on May 20th. He will leave for the Mexican Mission on May 29th. Elder Rondo Manwearing is also leaving for his Mission to the Central States on the same date, so they will be together at the Mission Home in Salt Lake City.

The Relief Society held an Easter party at the home of Sister Blanche Fish, work supervisor. On May 21st, ten Relief Society ladies did sewing, pressing, and mending for restock at the Stake Welfare House.

Congratulations to Miss Bonnie Shields, our Queen for the Stake Green and Gold Ball!

Programs for Sacrament Meetings

May 19—Commemoration of the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, by the Aaronic Priesthood.

May 26—Family Night, to be presented by Edward Ogden and family.

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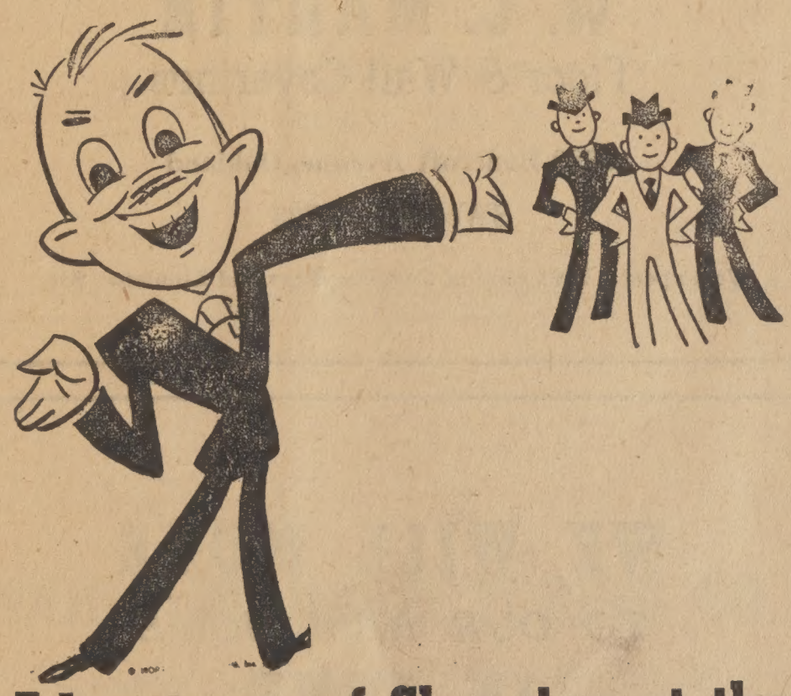

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East Richmond Ward News

The East Richmond Ward Priesthood Groups have become Welfare conscious. They have purchased a Fordson tractor with disc and plows and also a cultivator, mechanically operated. They have three plows and also a cultivator, mechwhich will supply their share of beans allotted to them for the Stake Welfare program, one acre of corn for home canning for the members of the Ward, and a third plot of tomatoes with 450 plants, which are doing fine. We are sorry to hear that the William Walsh family are planning to return to Salt Lake. They have just returned from Salt Lake General Conference. We shall miss them very much. Our Bishop is spending a week in Lake County for his health. The Bishoprics of the East Richmond and Richmond Wards held a joint meeting at the home of Herbert F. Layton to make plans for the beautification of the chapel and grounds. They were joined by their wives in a social evening. Our Boy Scout group has received its new charter and is planning a busy season under fine leaders.

The M. I. A. of East Richmond closed the first half of the season with a double feature evening. Scout Troop 131 celebrated its first anniversary with a Court of Honor in which three new Tenderfoot boys were registered: Charles Stanger, Daniel Fleming, and Robert Wilson. Three second class awards were given to Eldwin Lane, Allen Lowe, and Fersteen Lane and the first merit badge was given to Herbert Layton for Mechanical Drawing. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Packard, Scout officials, were the speakers. A play, "The Little Darling," directed by Elizabeth Gengler was well received.

Stake Mission Visted by Levi Edgar Young

President Levi Edgar Young recently addressed the missionaries of the Oakland Stake Mission on the subject, "How To Meet People and What To Say To Them". "Discard a dislike of other churches, cease to approach their members in a fault-finding manner, pray for wisdom in meeting people, approach the lost soul in humility bearing a testimony under the convincing power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ. Bear testimony that Joseph Smith saw God, saw the Angel Moroni and received from him the plates of the Book of Mormon; also that he received from heavenly messengers the authority of the priesthood to act in the name of God." President Young related incidents illustrating the results obtained from following these instructions.

At the present time there are approximately 75 Oakland Stake missionaries, calling on people at least twice each week. Most of the visiting is done in the evenings, some on afternoons and Sundays. **The most effective missionary work is performed when the members of Wards cooperate with missionaries by opening up their homes for cottage meetings, and by inviting friends to come and join in or hear a discussion of the gospel.**

As a result of stake missionary work two entire families accepted the gospel during the last few months. In one instance one of the Stake missionaries took advantage of an opportunity to discuss the gospel with her neighbor. Short discussions, and then weekly cottage meetings followed. These people were eager to receive the gospel from the very start. Having visited other religious sects, and not being satisfied, they readily accepted the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. One member of this family was converted to the payment of tithing and paid the same before being fully converted to all phases of the gospel. Four members of this family were baptized December 1, 1945. The youngest member of the family, now eight years of age, was baptized April 6, 1946, by her father who had just been ordained a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

A plea is made to the members of the Stake to participate in this work by submitting names of friends to the missionaries. Will you please hand in such names to one of the District Presidents listed in the Stake Directory or to one of the missionaries in your ward.

—W. Paul Summerhays, Mission President.

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Memorial Day

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Oddly enough it was the women of Columbus, Mississippi, who in 1867, two years after the close of the Civil War, began the strewing of flowers alike on the graves of the Confederate and Northern soldiers. A thrill of tenderness ran through the North on news of this gesture of magnanimity by these women of Mississippi. In May, 1868, General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic issued an order in which the 30th of May was set apart as Memorial Day.

The State Legislatures soon took up the idea and the day is now a legal holiday through practically the whole North.

The South has no general Memorial Day. April 26th is observed in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi; May 10th in North and South Carolina; May 30th in Virginia; and June 3rd in Louisiana.

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Children's Corner

Little Betsy Blaisdell helped entertain her playmates, Charlotte and Freddie Oliver, a few weeks ago, each having a real live "dolly" to play with. The "dolls" were really little live bunny rabbits. The grandparents of the bunnies were left last Easter Sunday morning by the Easter Bunny himself.—Fairfield Branch.

A little child came home from Sunday School and was very busy in the sunny window. Her mother noticed she was quiet and went over to see what she was doing. In the child's hand was a glass full of beans. The mother asked what they were, and the child replied, "Sunbeans."—Hayward Ward.

Happy Thought

The world is so full
Of a number of things,
I'm sure we should all be
As happy as kings.
—Robt. Louis Stevenson

If we should ask most any youngster these days how they know that the war is over, the answer would undoubtedly be, "Balloons!"

Berkeley Ward has a rather large attendance of lovely, lively children at Primary every week. In addition we have a rather unusual and faithfully-devoted attendant in the name of one "Bouncer Johnson"—great Dalmation pet of Cheryl, Vonnie and Dick. If Bouncer remains so devoted to his pals in years to follow, a special arrangements will probably have to be made for his interests, for he insists upon coming into the chapel every week for his Primary lesson. **Of course** the children love it; and the teachers, well, we love him before and after, but during Primary we admit he's a bit of a heckler.

MY DOG AND CAT
By John Briscoe, Age 9 Years

My cat is black and has no tail. I got it from a neighbor when he was a tiny kitten. His name is Smokey. He plays with the neighbor's cat, whose name is Flash. They get on each other's back and wash each other's face.

Pal is my brother's dog. He is black and white and is a playful dog. The cat and dog get along very well together. Pal likes his bath and always comes upstairs after his bath. He likes to sleep in the garage on a shelf with some coal bags. He has a box to sleep in, but he likes the shelf better. At night he always barks at people who go by the house. The cat follows Pal wherever he goes.

When we have a fire in the fireplace Pal likes to sit down by it.

I hope my new baby sister Cathy will like Pal and Smokey, and that they will like her when she is big enough to play with them.—Maxwell Park Ward.

Dimensions of American Radio

A talk by Glen Shaw, manager of KLX, President Northern California Association of Broadcasters and President of Y. M. M. I. A. Oakland Stake, was recently delivered before the Liahona Club, February 25 at the club's dinner meeting at the Athens Athletic Club in Oakland.

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Only a difference of 36,000 in population now (1946) marks the East and the West halves of the San Francisco Bay region. Together they give the startling total, 2,220,000. This new high in S.F. Bay region population has been brought about by the war-industries' growth here since 1941.

The East Bay Counties have increased in population since 1940 34.1%, whereas 68.8% tells the tale of growth for the West Bay Counties in the same five year period.

"The S.F. bay region," says the Oakland Chamber of Commerce in releasing these figures, "is prominent as the greatest post-war market in the eleven Western states from the standpoint of population, income, and industrial economy".

Napa Ward News

The orchard owned by Napa Ward promises a good crop of prunes, the trees having been pruned and the ground cultivated by Ward members. Plans are now made to plant all available space for garden crops. One project is sponsored by the Priesthood quorums, while individual members may secure a plot by arrangement with Bishop Murdock.

On May 5th one of the best programs seen in Napa Ward was presented by the Primary, under the direction of Sister Ada Baxter, assisted by the officers and teachers of that organization. "The Land of Primary" in pageantry was enjoyed by a goodly attendance.

Easter Day saw the largest attendance at Sunday School yet reported for Napa, there being 170 present to enjoy the special program prepared for that occasion. Mother's Day was observed May 12th, with another fine program. The officers met Saturday at the Ward Hall and prepared lovely corsages which were presented to the Mothers.

An 8-pound girl arrived to gladden the hearts of Bro. and Sister Ichertz on April 27.

Edward W. Bruerton, wife and three children recently moved from Salt Lake City to Napa. He is the son of George W. Bruerton, Sunday School superintendent. His wife, Amy Maurer Bruerton, is the daughter of Bro. Chas. Maurer of Oakland.

The closing of the Mutual season is marked with some excellent programs, a particularly fine one being presented on May 7th. The Ward talent was augmented by a group from the Napa Junior College, under the direction of Miss Jean Tapie of that institution.

Mormon Choir Back on Air

The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir program has been restored according to information received from Radio Station KQW, San Jose, California. The program is heard locally over that station from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

It is believed the large number of letters written the station is, at least in part, responsible for the restoration of the program over KQW.

"'Tis man's perdition to be safe
When for the truth he ought to die."—Emerson.

Maxwell Park Ward News

The Ward Bisopric wishes to extend an invitation to all members to come to Sacrament meeting. On the second Sunday of May, the chorus will render several numbers at Sacrament meeting. The Aaronic priesthood will give the program on the third Sunday. An Aaronic Priesthood chorus has been formed for this program, and they hope it will be a permanent thing.

On Sunday, May 5, the Primary presented their Ward Conference. The theme of the program, which was directed by Gertrude Woods and Hannah Rowe, was "Love and Happiness." Don Halloway and Alvin Bennett were graduated.

The M-Men and Gleaners enjoyed a swimming party at Hayward and a weinie roast at Sequoia Park on April 20.

The Fireside Group conducted the Mutual program on April 30. The decorations carried out the theme, "Maytime Merriment." Charles Martin and Jean Krage reigned over the dance as King and Queen of Spring.

We have discovered an interesting and unusual hobby in the form of sculptoring. Bro. John Krage has been sculptoring since he was sixteen. The special interest Group, was given the opportunity of seeing some of his work a short time ago.

We have several new arrivals in the Ward. On April 26, Charles Martin welcomed his bride, Winnie, who journeyed from Belfast, Ireland, to join her husband. Winnie is a convert and the Ward welcomes her. Bro. and Sister Tony Olson are the proud parents of a girl, who was born on May 7th.

We are sorry to report the death of Sister Grace Ganzer on April 12. She was a very faithful member of the Ward and will be sorely missed.

Richmond Ward News

Sister Reva Calapp is back from vacation. She was released from her duties as Primary Activity Director and sustained as Women's class leader in Sunday School. She has big plans for the summer M. I. A. and promises a "special" party for May 24. Be sure and remember the date.

The Fathers and Sons Aaronic Priesthood Outing was held May 15. A social and weinee roast at Redwood Park preceded a trip to the Chabot Observatory.

The High Priests are planning a social evening at the home of Brother Judson Stoddard, May 23.

The closing party for the Winter M. I. A. was held May 3rd in the Recreation Hall. An especially interesting and entertaining program was enjoyed by a large crowd. The program was under the direction of Peter Gingler and Beryl Case. Brother and Sister Wilford Horne, who are returning to Salt Lake City, Utah, were the guests of honor. They were presented with a lovely picture as a token of our love and appreciation.

Primary Conference on "Faith and Reverence" was under the direction of Sister Aline Wightman, Floyd Borkman acting as announcer for the program. Four of our guides graduated from the primary: Floyd Borkman, Roy Garrett, George Anderson, and Kay Labrum. Sister Marjorie Pyle of the Stake Board was a visitor.

Dictionary of California Names

Rodeo means inclosing cattle; San Luis Obispo, St. Louis bishop; San Luis Rey, St. Louis, King (of France); Santa Catalina, St. Catherine; Sausalito, little willow grove; Solano, family name; Sonora, sonorous; Tiburon, shark.

Ideas Concerning Stake Tabernacle

Some very interesting and worthwhile suggestions for the proposed Stake Tabernacle have recently been received. These ideas came in response to questions asked of certain groups in a sampling of the Wards of the Stake. Of course, everyone wants the project to include a meeting place large enough to accommodate those attending Stake conferences. Also, all members of the church are hoping the new Tabernacle will include a lovely ballroom for Stake dancing and social affairs, and most of the young men of the Ward are counting on an adequate basketball court.

Among the novel, but perhaps very worthwhile, ideas submitted from Elmhurst, Dimond and Berkeley groups, were the fololwing:

Facilities for the convenience of the hard of hearing.

Equipment for radio broadcasting from the chapel.

A sound-proof glassed-in room where mothers could take their children during meetings, such room to be equipped with loud speaker so that the mothers could both hear and see the speakers. The room would be elevated so not to be observed from the chapel.

A reading room, to be open at all times, with comfortable chairs and good lighting, in connection with the library.

Soft and roomy seats in the chapel, possibly patterned after those of the Masonic Temple.

Space for a small museum to include plaster models and large photographs, and possibly maps in connection with ancient America and particularly the Book of Mormon. and, also possibly containing interesting material regarding Western and Mormon history.

Several ladies have said the New Tabernacle should include a nursery where children could be left in the care of some competent person during conference sessions and other meetings.

"The new Tabernacle should certainly include a modern and adequate cafeteria for serving meals at conference time and for encouraging large Stake banquets and dinner parties."

A Stake Library, to include all of the latest publications by church authors and by others concerning the church.

"Ample clothes closets" was another worthwhile idea.

A swimming pool. This, it is said, would make possible swimming parties for small groups, such as Scout Troops, Gleaner Girls Fireside Groups, and others.

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Stake Gleaner Election Banquet

May 8, 1946, the Oakland Stake Gleaner Girls held their annual election banquet at the Shattuck Hotel, Berkeley. After prayer by Donna Loveless, two dances were offered by Connie Dunford. Marjorie Wood of Claremont Ward played two piano solos.

Then came the main function of the evening, election of officers for the coming year. Helen Burdette of Berkeley Ward was elected to succeed Donna Phelps Bates as president, while Joyce Briscoe of Maxwell Park Ward was chosen to succeed Rhean Harker as vice-president. Ruth Williams of Maxwell Park Ward succeeds Lola Nielsen of Berkeley Ward as secretary-treasurer. The offices of Historian and Publicity Chairman, formerly held by Donna Loveless and Marjorie Wood, have been combined into one office, and placed in the capable hands of Bobbie Ewart of Oakland Ward.

The entire affair was delightful, due to the direction of our two Stake leaders, Dorothy Brown and Hannah Rowe.

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Sketch of President Eugene Hilton

by Robert L. Larsen

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Eugene Hilton, as President of our Stake, is familiar to all of us. We know his wife, Ruth Savage Hilton, and perhaps we know many of his family of seven boys, and one girl, the youngest in the family. But how many know of Eugene Hilton as a man who has written text books accepted in the field of the social sciences? His two-volume work, "Problems and Values of Today" won for him the four-thousand dollar Atlantic Monthly Prize. Also he is co-author of the book, "America Today and Yesterday", adopted by the State of California as a textbook in the elementary schools. At present he is principal of the Emerson Elementary School in Oakland.

These achievements came as a result of long effort and study beginning with a two-year mission followed by attendance at the Brigham Young University; leading the seminary work at Lehi, Utah and later at Blackfoot, Idaho; teaching at the L. D. S. University; president of the Gila College at Thatcher, Arizona; more study and the Master's Degree at the University of Utah in 1924. Finally his schooling was completed when he received his Doctor's degree in Education from the University of California, climaxing approximately 15 years of study and teaching. His doctorate thesis entitled, "Junior College Book List" was published by the University of California in 1930 for use in colleges. In 1932 he was appointed by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools to make a study of over 1,7000 separate periodicals. This research resulted in a publication known as the "Evaluted Periodical List." President Hilton is also author of an American History wall chart called, "United States Histoline."

President Hilton is reaping the rewards of a life of obedience, hard work, and sacrifice to the Church. He has achieved much, and yet the most valued to him is probably his family of fine missionary boys, the lovely daughter and a talented wife whose abilities and devotion undoubtedly have contributed greatly to his success.

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A. Wm. Lunds Visits Our Genealogical Convention.

On April 28 A. William Lund of the Church Genealogical Convention and Asst. Church Historian gave our Genealogical workers invaluable inspiration and instruction at the Stake Genealogical Convention.

Addressing the General Priesthood meeting on that day, the speaker quoted a phophecy made by President Young in 1846, saying "They should build a temple in the valleys of the mountains, and the time would come when it would be suggested that a temple be built in California." Elder Lund pointed out that the time had come for a literal fulfillment of the remarkable prediction of the prophet Brigham Young, but asked, "Have we thought of our responsibility when that temple is built? Our great and continuing duty as saints is to go into the Houses of the Lord, there to be sealed and to do the work for our dead . . . The work for our departed ancestors is important for we owe to them our very lives. We are the only people upon the face of the earth who have the authority to do this work. It is the Lord's work, but the Lord needs us to help him . . . Our slogan should be, 'Do something for someone who can't do it for themselves.'

Elder Lund warned the saints that if one refuses an opportunity when it comes, the opportunity will pass by that person.

Claremont Ward News

The Bee-hive girls of Claremont ward enjoyed their first outing in the Berkeley hills, Friday, April 26th. Horseback riding was the main attraction, after which a picnic lunch was served. The girls attending were: Julia Ellsworth, Dorothy Ann Harker, La prele Badouin, Mary Ellen Carr, Edlo Miller. Visiting girls included Audry Megerian, Betty Brown and Barbara Gengler. They were accompanied by their Beekeeper, Sister Anita Hancock, and Brother and Sister Badouin.

The new Sunday School Superintendency includes, Jay Brown, Daryl Dangerfield and James M. Bragg, Jr. Good luck to you.

Elsmer Kern had the pleasure of baptising his brother Russell last Saturday, and confirming him a member of the church on May th. Welcome Russell, we know ou'll be happy with us.

Don Wood, Jr., is in Philadelphia, from where he will soon leave for his Mission in Great Britain.

Claremont's children did a fine job at Primary Conference May 5. We are always glad to have these little ones put on the program.

Paul Oram is expected home soon from his service in the Navy.

Vincent Wood has enlisted in the Navy and is at San Diego Naval Training Center.

We are planning a ward outing for the near future. Watch for the date and place.

Brother Andre K. Anastasiou, president of the British mission during the war, spoke at the sacrament meeting at Claremont ward on April 14, and he was also the guest speaker at the fireside chat meeting after.

Brother Anastasiou told of the experiences of the British mission during the war years; how they emphasized seven points which helped them immensely. These seven points were, to have prayer night and morning, take the sacrament worthily and not bear false witness, keep the sabbath holy, sustain loyally those in authority, pay tithing and fast offering, keep the word of wisdom, and have temple work done.

Liahona Club Service to Returned Veterans

Members of the Liahonas club have announced that they will offer their services as counsellors to returned service men. Veterans who wish to re-establish themselves in business, professions or other activities are welcome to talk over their field. Below is a list of club members, their addresses, telephone numbers and the business or profession in which each is engaged. It is suggested that any returned service man interested in discussing his problems check this list and make an appointment with the member with whom he wishes to talk.

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The Boy Scouts Of Oakland Ward

by Armand Mauss
Assistant Scout Master

"Greetings, Oakland Stake," from Troop 46 and all the boys of Oakland Ward, for the first time since the duration of the war. By the way, our troop donated 12 members to that war.

Here is a brief review of the activities of our troop during the war: We've had 10 or 12 camping trips, including a trip to Dimond "T" Camp in the Sierras, several camps to Redwood Canyon, and a few to Camp Dimond. We've also attended all the Camporettes and Camporees that the Oakland Area Council has sponsored. In the way of service projects, we've distributed posters for such organizations as the Red Cross, and sponsored two paper drives, from which we earned about $100.

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Martinez Ward News

The Gold and Green Ball of the Martinez Ward was a grand success. We had six lovely candidates competing for the throne; Miss Patricia Easton (the Queen), Miss Lois Dahlin, Miss Glenona Robinson, Miss Jeanne Sant, Miss Bonnie McKinney, and Miss Frances Nex. The apples were presented by Rozelle Kent and David Kent, who also bore the crown.

Following the theme of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the candidates were presented with apples, each apple having a capsule attached containing a number. The choosing of the Queen was purely by chance and amid flashes of lightning and crashes of thunder each candidate stood before the magic mirror, according to her number, to hear of her fate. The Queen was crowned by Bishop McIntyre. Dancing and refreshments followed.

On the 13th of April the Boy Scouts and Bee Hive Girls turned out in strength and cleaned up the landscaping around the church grounds. A good time was had by all.

On May 7th, the Fireside Group presented a three-act play entitled "The Navy Steps In." The play was a romance comedy written and produced by Jack Roskelley as a Fireside Group activity and preesnted as a M. I. A. closing program along with a one-act play, "Little Darling," also a comedy, and presented by the Drama Activity Group.

It was directed by Audrey Johnson with Afton Hipwell assisting.

Vallejo Ward News

On May 12, the 'teen-agers enjoyed an evening of dancing, sponsored by the Ward.

Our forty "Singing Mothers" were invited by the Stake Relief Society to furnish part of the musical program presented at Berkeley Chapel May 17.

Vallejo has three active Fireside groups, al lof whom meet each Sunday night after Sacrament meeting.

Our Ward has gone over the top in the Era drive. A fine M-Men and Gleaner Girl banquet was held May 10.

Mothers of the Ward were honored in a beautiful way on Mother's Day.

Dawn Williams and James Neilsen were married in the Logan Temple, April 17.

Berkeley Ward News

The last Relief Society meeting of the year will be May 28th. Margaret Owens is planning an interesting lesson on Sociology, which will be followed by a social.

We were very happy to have Oscar Kirkham visit at our Sacramento meeting Sunday, April 28th. We were sorry, however, that time didn't permit him to leave us a message. We are looking forward to his next visit with hopes that with adequate time we will hear another such fine sermon as those he has given in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cummings of Honolulu, former members of Berkeley Ward, are here visiting their family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone left May 17th for New York City to meet their son Reed, a medical student at Duke University. Brother Stone is Chairman of the Berkeley Ward Finance Committee.

This month the M. I. A. is planning three interesting festivals for Music, Speech and Dance. They will conclude this season's activities.

Anna Patton received, for Berkeley Ward, a citation for meritorious service in U. S. O. work. Sister Patton has spent freely of her time in this and we thank her for all she has done.

Berkeley Ward is a member of the Volunteer Committee to carry on the U. S. O. work and will have the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Y. M. C. A.

Several sisters went to Treasure Island to help the L. D. S. Study Group with their Mother's Day program.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley F. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Brinton, and Mrs. Ernest S. Holmes were chaperons on an excursion for servicemen to Golden Gate Park. Another excursion is planned May 19th to the University of California Botanical Gardens.

273rd Quorum of Seventy

The 273rd Quorum of Seventy climaxed the first quarter of this year by participating in an evening of entertainment for members and their wives, Friday, March 22, in the Berkeley Ward recreation hall. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served cafeteria style. Vocal numbers and a picture show made the evening complete.

Guests were W. Glenn Harmon of the Stake Presidency and Dr. Emery R. Ranker of the High Council and their wives. Doctor Ranker developed the thought that a study of the human body provides abundant evidence of man's divinity, and of God's creative and directing hand in the affairs of mankind, and therefore in his destiny here and hereafter.

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